



# WOLFF'S MURDERER ARRESTED

## PROTESTS INNOCENCE

### Edward H. Martin Arrested for Murder

## LAUNDRY MARK CLUE

### Traced From the Home of a Friend to a Lodging House, Where He Was Captured

## CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

### Martin Denied Being the Murderer and Explained the Wound on His Head by Saying he Had Injured Himself With an Axe.

PORTLAND, May 5.—Edward H. Martin, the accused murderer of Nathan Wolff, pawnbroker, who was brutally murdered at his First street shop Friday evening last, was arrested this afternoon.

The apprehension was the result of a ceaseless search which was carried on since the discovery of the crime at 9 o'clock last Friday night. Bit by bit evidence was gathered and so skillfully put together that last night there seemed little doubt that the police were on the right track and a John Doe warrant was issued.

The clue in the chain of circumstantial evidence which pointed in Martin's direction was the discovery of a bloody shirt in the rear of a cheap lodging house on Third street. Laundry marks on the shirt gave the police the clue which led to Martin's arrest.

The police were close on Martin's trail all day and this afternoon he was traced from the home of a friend to his lodging house on Grand avenue and East Morrison streets where he was placed under arrest without any trouble and hurried to the police station, where he was examined by Chief Gritzmacher. He denied being the murderer and explained the deep wound on his head and hand by saying he had injured himself with an axe. Some deep scratches on his neck he said were inflicted by a cat, but the police are placing no reliance on these statements because witnesses have been found to whom Martin is alleged to have otherwise explained his wounds.

Martin was at one time an officer in the regular army and served in Cuba as lieutenant of the twenty-first infantry. He contracted dysentery while on this campaign and met his wife who was a nurse in the hospital at Syracuse, where he was being treated for the disease. Mrs. Martin stated to an Oregonian reported today that she had entertained suspicions that her

husband was implicated in the crime from the moment he returned home Friday night, with his face and hands cut, minus his shirt and wearing a strange coat and vest.

Martin, who is alleged to be a cocaine fiend, will be further examined, and the police hope, by depriving him of drugs, to force a confession from him. So far as the police are concerned they have no doubt that Martin is the right man. Every detail of the man's life, his action since the crime, various injuries on the head, neck and hands, the discovery of the shirt and other evidence not made public confirm them in their belief that Martin killed Wolff. In addition to material evidence in the hands of the police, they had obtained from the accused man's wife, what is alleged to be practically a confession of her husband's guilt. Mrs. Martin, who is a refined little woman, is completely unstrung. She married Martin in Syracuse, N. Y.

He first explained to her he had been held up on his way home. His next story was that he had been engaged in a poker game in a saloon which broke up in a fight and in the melee he had been hit with a chair.

Mrs. Martin said that her suspicions were only further aroused by her husband's stories and Sunday on her way to the Catholic Church she purposely took him past Wolff's pawnshop. There she says she asked him point blank if he had anything to do with Wolff's death.

Mrs. Martin says he replied he had

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## AGRICULTURAL BILL

### Heyburn's Speech in Opposition to Forestry Service

## RIDICULED DIVISION CHART

### Smoot Said he Could Prove, Not by Prophecy, But by Figures, That the Timber of This Country Was Being Rapidly Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A speech in opposition to the forestry service was made by Senator Heyburn of Idaho in the Senate today while the agricultural bill was under consideration. Warner of Missouri continued his speech on the Brownsville affair, but did not conclude.

Heyburn suggested an amendment excepting Idaho from the states in which the secretary of agriculture may give permits for exportation of timber from the forest reserves. He ridiculed the chart of the forestry division, which was swung on the wall of the senate chamber marked with statements as to the number of years the forests of the various parts of the country would last. The forestry division, he said, was launching into the realm of prophecy in a way that would require greater wisdom than that possessed by Sages of old when

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# STEAMER MINNIE KELTON TOWED INTO HARBOR

## PICKED UP BY STEAM SCHOONER WASHINGTON

### The Washington Sighted Her Five Miles Off Shore Drifting in the Trough of the Sea and Her Two Anchors Hanging

## THE MEN WHO WERE PUT ABOARD FOUND NO BODIES

### THE STEAMER IS AWASH ABOUT TWENTY FEET FROM THE STEM—THE DECKS ARE SWEEPED CLEAN AND THERE IS A PART OF THE STERN SHOWING A JAGGED EDGE ABOUT EIGHT FEET LONG AND TWO FEET ABOVE THE WATER—BRIDGE AND SMOKE STACK NOT DISTURBED.

The steam schooner Minnie E. Kelton which was abandoned Sunday afternoon after encountering a terrific gale with her deck load of lumber shifted and a tremendous wave washing overboard, to a watery grave, eleven of her crew, was towed into Astoria yesterday forenoon by the steam schooner Washington.

Captain Nason, of the latter, says he sighted her on Monday morning about five miles off shore with both anchors (which the Kelton's captain had put out to keep her off shore), hanging straight from her hawse pipes. The anchors were cut loose as there was no possible way to raise them and they were in the way. She was adrift and rolling in the long westerly swell of the sea. By noon time he had put three men aboard and had a stout tow-line made fast to her by putting it round the forward mast and Sampson-post. Good weather and a fairly smooth sea enabled the Washington to tow her to Astoria, a distance of about 90 miles and she is now in the lower harbor off Smith's Point, and she is guarded by Chief Mate William Batchelder and a sailor. The owner of the Washington is expected tomorrow and he will direct the disposition of the unfortunate vessel. The men who were put aboard of her found no signs of live nor were any bodies in the ship and it is safe to say everyone was off the boat when Captain McKenna and the survivors were rescued by the Yaquina Bay Life Saving Station men.

## KELTON'S CREW COMING.

NEWPORT, Ore., May 5.—The survivors of the crew of the steamer Minnie E. Kelton arrived here today accompanied by the bodies of two sailors. The bodies recovered were those of Olaf Rosquist, a Finn, whose

former name was Otto Wilhelm Johnson and the other body that of A. H. Jensen, a seaman and a Dane. The burials will take place tomorrow. Captain McKenna will ship his crew to Astori tomorrow and proceed there himself to take steps to regain possession on the Kelton.

## STORM SWEEPS ARKANSAS.

### Wires Down Over Entire State and Much Damage Report.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 5.—Arkansas was visited last night by a storm which covered practically the entire State, doing much damage to property. Wires are down in every direction and information is meager. At Marche, a hamlet of 100 people 10 miles from this city, a large plant of Hammond, Lucas & Devore Lumber

Company was completely destroyed. There was no loss of life. A great cloud, composed of limbs of trees, passed high over the town of Morrilton late yesterday afternoon. Conway, Ark., is reported to have been damaged, and Watson, in Desha county, near the Louisiana line, is reported to have been wiped out.

BOISE, Idaho, May 5.—The State Board of Pardons postponed the hearing of the petitions of Harry Orchard's attorney for commutation of the prisoner's sentence until tomorrow.

## MUTILATED BODIES FOUND.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 5.—Four mutilated bodies were found today buried in the backyard of the Guinness home, which was buried recently and in which Mrs. Guinness and her children perished. Finding the buried bodies is held to prove that there was murder committed in each case.

## UNIMPORTANT TESTIMONY.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—In the Ruef bribery trial today Jos. E. Green, president of the Parkside Realty Company, got through his long siege on the witness stand and was followed on the witness stand by G. H. Umbsen, the real estate man.

Testimony of both witnesses were quite frank, but their admissions were no more damaging than that they paid Ruef's attorney's fee to help them get their franchise.

## ROOSEVELT'S POPULARITY.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Incomplete returns from today's primaries at midnight indicate that the Lincoln-Roosevelt League has carried the city by a large majority over the regular organization ticket. Out of 69 delegates to the state convention chosen are 49 league men. Returns from the state indicate that the corresponding success for the league at all points where they made a contest. Out of a total of 103 delegates in Los Angeles county, the league has probably elected 62.

## SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

### A Lively Debate Kept Up in the House

## INCREASED SAFETY IN MINING

### Gen. Woods Recommendation to Purchase 6000 Acres of Land Was Sincerely Criticized by Fitzgerald and Battler.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A lively debate was kept up all day today in the house on the sundry civic bill. Repeated efforts were made by Gaines and Chaney, supported by many other members to procure application for investigation looking to the increased safety in mining and then had about got Chairman Tawney to the point where he would consent to the appropriation of \$50,000, when Underwood, of Alaska, objected and the proposition for a time, at least, was dropped.

A provision in the bill for the purchase of 6000 acres of land in addition to Fort McKinley, Philippine Islands, recommended by General Wood, excited severe criticism from Fitzgerald and Battler, the former continually referring to the general as "Doctor" Wood.

The three remaining hours of the

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# PILED UP IN THE CREEK

## Freight Train Runs Into a Washout

## 3 OF CREW DROWNED

### A Thunderstorm of Unusual Severity Swept Over St. Louis and Vicinity

## 35 SQUARE MILES INUNDATED

### Many Thrilling Rescues of Persons From Flooded Homes Have Been Reported—Property Loss Said to Exceed \$100,000.

ST. LOUIS, May 5.—A thunderstorm of unusual severity, accompanied by a high wind of almost tornado velocity, swept over this vicinity early today, doing much damage to property and indirectly causing loss of life.

A bridge on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, near Belleville, Ill., was washed out and wrecked a freight train. Engineer Ward, Conductor Smith and a trainman, whose name has not been learned, were caught under the engine and drowned. The train was piled up in a mass in Schoenlaub Creek, which was swollen into a torrent.

The village of Edgemont, Ill., was flooded, and many persons were forced to take refuge on improvised rafts.

The whole area of lowlands known as the American Bottoms, east of East St. Louis, Ill., comprising 35 square miles of territory, is under water.

French Village, a town of 100 inhabitants, one of the oldest settlements in Illinois, was struck by a miniature tornado, and many houses were unroofed. Telephone and telegraph wires are down and there is no communication with French Village.

Traffic is impeded on electric lines running to various points east and north of East St. Louis, Ill., because of high water. The first floors of houses in the American Bottoms are flooded, and farmers are utilizing rafts and boats in rescue work.

In St. Louis the wind blew down trees and sign boards, broke in many store show windows, and crippled telephone and telegraph wires to a large extent. Several residences were struck by lightning and the fire department was kept busy responding

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# SHOOTS AT HUSBAND IN SALOON ENTRANCE

BOISE, Idaho, May 5.—While driving through the business section last night, the streets being crowded with people, Mrs. M. A. McGee arose in a buggy and fired three shots toward the front of the Pioneer saloon. Her husband stood in the en-

trance at the time. McGee and his wife separated last week, after she had created a sensation by horsewhipping a young woman with whom she found her husband driving. She is being held at the police station pending preliminary hearing.

# KENTUCKY FEUDISTS IN DEADLY BATTLE

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 5.—A telegram from Jackson today says it was reported there that Ed Callahan, former sheriff and feud leader, who was stabbed by his brother-in-law, John Spyer, yesterday, one arm being almost severed, is dead, but the report has not been confirmed. Callahan and

Spyer fought in Callahan's store at Crockettville, 20 miles from Jackson, and Callahan's son, William, shot and killed Spyer when his father was stabbed. It is hard to secure authentic news from Crockettville because of its location. It has no telephone connection.